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Application No.: 09/697,025  
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Our Reference: TNCR.183US0

Dear Sir:

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- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
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- (3) Amendment (16 pages).

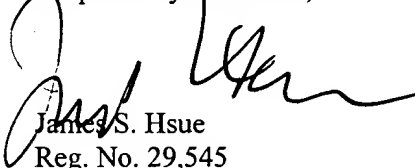
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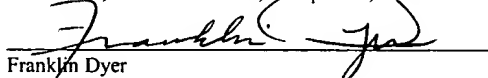
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This will respond to the office action mailed on January 23, 2004, setting a period for response expiring on April 23, 2004.

No drawing amendments are being made.

Claim amendments begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 12.

No specification amendments are being made.